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peace; they are the professed followers of the Prince of Peace; and are bound, as we conceive, by every principle of their religion, to do all they can to stay the crimes and miseries of war. There are said to be in the United States some 45,000 Christian churches of every name, with three or four millions of members; and, if half these millions, in every sect and party through the land, would only unite in earnest against the further continuance of this war, would they not be sure to succeed?

Still more earnestly would we appeal to ministers of the gospel. They are the moral guides of the people; and, commissioned from the Prince of Peace, and the God of Peace, as preachers of a peaceful religion, ought they not to lead the van of efforts for the restoration and continuance of peace? Can they, without being recreant to God and humanity, shrink from such services at a time like the present? There are in the whole country, it is said, some 35,000 such heralds of peace; and, if they should all lift up their voices against the continuance of this war, would it not come to an end very soon? And what service would be more important, or more appropriate to their office?

More powerful still is the periodical press upon the mass of minds through the community. There are in the United States more than 100 religious papers, and some 1500 or more of every class, reaching every neighborhood, and every leading mind, with their daily or weekly issues. How easy for such a multitude of papers, if only united and earnest for peace, to insure its speedy, almost instant restoration!

Permit us, then, to bespeak, gentlemen of the press, your special co-operation for this purpose. We ask it without distinction of party. We do not wish you in this case to lift your voice either for or against any party as such; nor do we see why honest men of all parties cannot consistently co-operate for an object which every one of them desires. You are the law givers of that public sentiment which must, sooner or later, determine what measures shall be taken to stop this war between sister Republics whose interests are, and whose hearts ought to be, one now and ever. Will you not then use your best endeavors for peace by opening your columns to its claims, and inditing articles yourselves in its behalf?

PUBLICATIONS FOR MINISTERS AT THE WEST.

Our friends who responded some months ago to our call for the means of furnishing ministers of the gospel at the West with peace publications, to promote our cause among the wide-spread and teeming millions there, will find their donations acknowledged on the last page of this number. We thank them for their timely aid, and are happy to inform them, that before the first of October, we forwarded about 1600 volumes, some of them full copies of our Book of Peace, and others containing from 200 to 400 pages each, selected from the same series of our tracts; some half a million pages in all. These were for the use of ministers; and besides these, we sent more than 100,000 pages of single tracts for distribution among the people.

Here is a good beginning; but we need a large increase of contributions to finish the work of supplying merely the ministers of the West. We *must* reach the millions there on this great national subject. Already do they hold the balance of political power, and soon must they decide at will every question of peace or war for the nation. Now is the time to reach them with the best effect; and in what way can a portion of our money and efforts be spent to better purpose for the good of our country or the world? We hope every philanthropist and every patriot will ponder this question well.